

Our Mission:

Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.

We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.

We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.

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| Pastor | Melissa F-B |
| Servant Leaders | Chris H, David R, Karin S, & Rachel T |
| Church meeting location | 1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC |
| Mailing address | P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611 |
| Website | www.raleighmennonite.org |
| Facebook | www.facebook.com/raleighmennonite |
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| Email slides or videos to be projected | AV@raleighmennonite.org |

Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To use our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, the table at the back will be a place to color during summer. All ages are welcome. Adults are also invited to participate.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, the devices make what is spoken from the podium much more intelligible.

Accessible Restroom

An accessible, gender-neutral bathroom is available near the front entrance.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (first Sunday); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table

Prayer Concerns

Pray for Kari Martin Hollinger and her family after the sudden loss of her grandmother, Sue Martin, last week. Kari's grandfather, Clinton Martin, will especially miss his wife of 72 years.

Service Adventure participants are transitioning to next steps in their lives. Pray for them as they integrate what they have learned in the past year into good choices that will shape their futures. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. Ask God to touch the hearts of those who have turned to violence and help them find more constructive ways to make their voices heard. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Announcements

The **woodcuts** that we have seen throughout worship are the work of **artist Margaret Adams Parker**. The complete series can be found in her book *Who Are You, My Daughter?: Reading Ruth Through Image and Text* (translation and notes by Ellen Davis). For more of Margaret Parker's work, visit www.margaretadamparker.com.

A mini-retreat on **Worship Planning as a Spiritual Practice** will be held **Saturday, August 25, from 9 am to 3 pm**. The time together will focus on learning a new format for worship planning, exploring ways to bring creativity, energy, and joy to our worship. If you would like to participate, please let Melissa know by August 19 (today!) so we can prepare food for all.

There will be a **Church Life Meeting next Sunday, August 26**, after the worship service. The Stewardship Commission will lead a discussion of the budget for FY 2018-19.

In September, an **early morning group** will resume meeting once a week in the church office for **Bible study and prayer**. The subject this season will be the life of David. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Hans L.

You are invited to join the RMC Southern Area Dinner Group for a **potluck picnic** (rain-or-shine) on **Saturday, September 15, at Lake Benson Park**. We will gather at 5 pm in Shelter #2. No RSVP is required. Questions may be directed to Chrys B.

Upcoming Events

Mini-Retreat: Worship Planning as Spiritual Practice
 Church Life Meeting – Budget
 Intergenerational Retreat

August 25
 August 26
 October 27-28

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August 19, 2018

Sunday School

Our summer quarter runs from June through August. During the summer quarter there are no Sunday School classes for children or adults.

Classes will resume in the fall quarter, beginning after Labor Day.

| | Today (August 19) | Next Week (August 26) |
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| Greeter/ Usher | Deb W and Dennis B | Karin S and Marichen J |
| Nursery | Anne and Dave C | Brenda H , ,Ruth R |
| Sound | Sean B | Marc S |
| Bulletin | Pam B | Pam B |
| Worship Coordinator | Rachel T | Chrys B |
| Speaker | Melissa F-B | Melissa F-B |
| Sharing | Rachel T | Brenda NM |

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Brenda and Stan NM | August 20 |
| Kathy and Dennis B | August 24 |
| Lois and Duane B | August 26 |
| Tennyson F-B | August 26 |
| Anali NM | August 26 |

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at bulletin@raleighmennonite.org.

Welcome to our worship!

We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.

Gathering for Worship

10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Call to Worship

Rachel T

Worshipping Our God

WB 26

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

WB 94

Come, Ye Thankful People (verses 1 and 2)

Songsheet

Bread of Life

Prayer of Confession

Response to Pardon

STJ 29

You Are All We Have

Hymn Tag

Craig H

WB 324

Seek Ye First

(Children are invited to nursery)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading

[Ruth 3: 1-18](#)

Sermon

Melissa F-B

Communion

STJ 84

Jesus, Offered Up as Bread

STJ 85

Pan De Vida

Sharing and Prayer

Rachel T

Sending Forth

WB 434

Thuma Mina